(c) whether Government is aware of the drive by the people of Assam to oust Bangladeshis; and

(d) whether they are assisting the administration to provide information about the suspicious persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) The Government is aware of illegal immigration/infiltration from Bangladesh into various parts of the country including Assam. However, as this activity takes place clandestinely, no specific details are available about the magnitude of this illegal infiltration.

32 foreigners tribunals under the provisions of Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964 have been constituted in the State of Assam for detection of illegal migrants/foreigners. The Government has also taken up various measures to curb illegal influx into the country, which *inter-alia* includes strengthening of Border Security Force (BSF) and equipping them with modern and sophisticated equipments/gadgets; reduction of gaps between border outposts, intensification of patrolling, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and border fencing, etc. Besides administrative instructions are also issued to the State Governments and UT Administrations from time to time to launch special drives to detect the foreign nationals including Bangladeshi nationals, staying illegally in the country for their immediate deportation.

Incidence of naxalite attacks

943. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) during past three years and current year, total number of Naxalite attacks, total number of persons killed/injured (Army, BSF-CRO etc., Police, Civilian, Naxal) and ammunitions looted by the Naxals;

(b) how many districts/Police Stations/States were affected by Naxal menace, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) what is the perception of Government regarding Naxalite threat scenario in the country; and

(d) what preventive steps Government intends to take to contain expanding Naxal activities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) As per information available, the total number of naxalite incidents, casualties in security personnel, casualties in civilians and arms snatched by the naxalites in the last 3 years and in the current year is given in the Statement (*See* below). In 2006, naxalite violence was reported in areas falling in 395 police stations in 91 districts in 11 states, out of a total number of 8488 police stations in those States. Government's approach is to combat naxalite activities in a holistic manner, in the arenas of security, development, administration and public perception management. State Governments undertake necessary action to combat naxalite activities, with the Central Government supplementing their efforts and resources through a range of measures that include deployment of Central paramilitary forces to assist the State police forces, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions to the States, assistance for strengthening of the State police and intelligence agencies, reimbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State police forces, sharing of intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works. Close watch on the situation is maintained. Taking steps as appropriate and necessary, having regard to the situation obtaining, is a continuous process.

Statement

Total number of naxalite incidents, casualties in security personnel, casualties in civilians and arms snatched by the naxalites

2004

Incidents: 1533

Casualties in Security Personnel: 100

Casualties in Civilians: 466

Arms snatched: 694

2005

Incidents: 1608

Casualties in Security Personnel: 153

Casualties in Civilians: 524

Arms snatched: 338

2006

Incidents: 1509

Casualties in Security Personnel: 157

Casualties in Civilians: 521

Arms snatched: 177

2007 (uptil 31-10-2007)

Incidents: 1285

Casualties in Security Personnel: 188

Casualties in Civilians: 383

Arms snatched: 176

Comparative advantage of HITS

944. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Headened in the Sky (HITS) is more advantageous in comparison to Conditional Access System (CAS) and Direct to Home (DTH);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to introduce HITS service in place of CAS and DTH; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Headened in the Sky (HITS) is a satellite based delivery platform for delivering multi TV channel television signals to cable operators across the country for further distribution to individual subscribers. It is capable of delivering TV signals in digital form with addressability features and is another system for implementation of conditional